

NOAA NWS ISSUES HIGH WIND WARNING FOR THE L.A. COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA COMMUNITIES

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) Los Angeles/Oxnard office has issued a High Wind Warning for the Los Angeles County Operational Area (LACOA) cities and unincorporated area communities including Acton, Los Angeles County Mountains, Mt. Wilson, Newhall, Santa Clarita, Santa Monica Mountains Recreational Area, Topanga, and Valencia which is in effect from 10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

Santa Ana winds are expected to strengthen tonight and Wednesday. Northeast winds are forecasted to blow between 25 to 40 miles per hour (mph) with gusts up to 60 mph. The strongest winds are expected to arrive between 3 a.m. and 12 p.m. These forecasted gusty winds will make driving difficult, especially for drivers of high-profile vehicles across Interstate 5 Freeway, and Highways 14 and 126.

A NOAA NWS High Wind Warning means that damaging high winds of 58 mph or greater are likely or imminent. Residents, renters, and businesses should secure all loose outdoor furniture in advance of the onset of the strong winds. Monitor the latest weather forecasts on the NOAA Weather radio or your favorite media source.

Los Angeles County residents and businesses, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, may call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information, and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed at <http://211la.org>. To register for the Specific Needs Awareness Planning program please go to <https://snap.lacounty.gov>. For disaster/emergency preparedness information, please access <http://lacoa.org> and/or <http://espfocus.org>.

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